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### **REMARKS**

Claim 30 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 9 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests further examination in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

#### Discussion of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of Claims 18, and 27-29. Applicant does not agree, however, with the reasons for allowance as the entire language of a claim must be considered when determining patentability.

#### Discussion of Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2

Claims 9-17, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 as being indefinite. Claim 30 has been canceled, and Claim 9 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns regarding Claims 9-17. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims.

#### Conclusion

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of these amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.


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